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CROWDS TURN OUT FOR WARBOYS FEAST WEEK

History mingled with modern entertainment as Warboys celebrated its traditional Feast Week this month, with concerts, a funfair and a 'Picnic in the Park' last week.

This year's Warboys Feast Week opened with live music from the Killer Shrimps, who describe themselves as Warboys' premium cover band. Playing on the back of a lorry provided by Swannell's Transport, the Killer Shrimps wowed fans outside the White Hart public house, with beer and food available

throughout the night. Warboys Parish Council sponsored the event.

This was followed by a funfair, which ran for three nights, before closing with a 'Picnic in the Park' on Warboys Sports Field, in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. Amongst the many visitors was the Youth Bus, which has been a regular feature of Warboys youth life, and was celebrating its 21st birthday that week. Somersham Town band also entertained the crowd.

The Feast Week, which commemorates the feast of St Mary Magdalene, the patron saint of Warboys Parish Church, has been a feature in the town for many years, and always draws crowds of both residents and visitors to the centre of the village.

In order to accommodate the event, the village centre was closed and diversions were in place via the A141 and the B1040 Church Road, which leads past the parish church.

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The Local Picture



"They seemed to be up for a bop, which was really nice. I was quite surprised, this has not been done before here, so it was quite unique really"

Kate James, vocalist of local band '10 O'Clock Curfew', who opened the Gaiety event

1965

The years in which
The Who were
featured at the old
Ramsey Gaiety,
recreated this month

1968

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PLAYGROUP**

Mid-afternoon on Tuesday 12th July, police received three separate reports of pigs loose on the B1040 road between Upwood and Bury, having escaped from their compound on the disused RAF Upwood site. In Bury Close, they were reported to be wreaking havoc in a resident's garden. By 6:00 pm all **nine** escapees had been rounded up and safely returned home.

2,000

Hottest
temperature
recorded locally
this month

32°

Amount of unique aircraft new monthly columnist Keith Wilson is hoping to have photographed in his lifetime at the end of this year, adding to this gallery of over 300,000 photos.

NEWS FROM THE REPORTER BLOG

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ITS A **GOOD** MONTH FOR

SUNBATHING

Temperatures soared this month, in contrast to the wettest June on record last month.

ITS A **BAD** MONTH FOR

TOILETS

Reports are that the public toilets in Ramsey may be closing for good, or a fee may be charged.



THE NATIONAL VIEW WHAT WILL AFFECT YOU THIS MONTH?

A New PM

After an aborted leadership contest, Theresa May became the second female prime minister in British History, and already has her new cabinet in place.

Labour Struggles

Jeremy Corbyn is now fighting off a leadership challenge from Owen Smith, after Angela Eagle pulled out of the race. The 118,000 new Labour Party members are expected to swing the vote in favour of the incumbent leader.

Devolution Defecit

Huntingdon District Council have put proposals for a new supra-regional body to be set up encompassing Huntingdonshire and Peterborough out for public consultation. For more information, check the HDC website.

Dates for your Diary AUGUST

Flower Festival in Church

St Mary's Parish Church – 6th to 7th

Fantastic Fossils

Ramsey Library – 18th

Mischa MacPherson Trio

Carlton House Gardens – 19th

1940's Weekend

The Camp – 20th to 21st

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Students Celebrate Musical Success

ASCA Music is celebrating 100% success with 22 students sitting and passing practical exams for the summer session. Ages ranged from primary to secondary school age, with instruments including clarinet, flute, piano and singing. Levels up to Grade 5 were taken at this sitting and 21 of them were through the Associate Board of the Royal College of Music (ABRSM) and one guitar student through Trinity College. More than 230 students from schools in the Abbey College cluster area take lessons through the music provision and it is growing rapidly. This is the largest sitting of exams ASCA have had in one go and for the ABRSM exams they were able to have a visiting examiner come to the Abbey College and it is fantastic that every one of the students passed.

ASCA put their success down to the support from the schools and the parents who acknowledge the enormous benefits of learning an instrument, especially at a young age. In the past 12 months ASCA Music have

taken on 6 new tutors to add to the team to accommodate the growing numbers and can now offer lessons in woodwind, drums, all guitars, piano, keyboard and singing. Piano is still the most popular instrument but the guitar is catching up and singing is taking off, while music theory lessons are also on offer.

Sarah Carr, ASCA Music Coordinator, said "On the back of a day of exams nearly 100 of our students then performed at a music festival at the Abbey. This was a wonderful experience for the students - some of which had been playing for years and others who had enjoyed literally just a handful of lessons."

ASCA is currently based at the Abbey College but tutors go out into Ashbeach, Bury, Earith, St Helen's Bluntisham, Ramsey Juniors, Spinning Infants, Upwood and Warboys schools. Anyone interested in their work can visit www.ascamusic.org.uk.

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Bury Parish Council report

By Peter Hazell, Chairman

July's meeting opened with the chairman welcoming two new council members who have been co-opted on to the council as a result of two recent resignations. Also a welcome was given to our new District Councillor, Jill Taverner, who was elected in May, and a final welcome was given to the 12 members of the public.

With regards to the Police report, concern was once again expressed by councillors and members of the public about the continuing and increasing cases of young people being found on the derelict RAF Upwood site. Late Saturday night, July 2nd, saw two fire engines in attendance, and late Sunday night saw the Police helicopter circling over the village.

There have been a number of complaints about the state of the footpaths in and around the village, and also the state of the grass verges. These were passed on to our County councillor who acted swiftly and the paths are now easily walkable.

The "locking" of the zip wire, as mentioned in last month's report, seems to have had the

desired effect, and councillors have agreed to continue the practice whenever possible. There was a discussion about the proposals to install outdoor gym equipment for the older teenagers of the village and the possibility of a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

These discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Traffic calming measures for Owls End were approved but the parking restrictions for Grenfell Road are on hold as there has been one objection (over 90 residents were in favour) so the proposal has gone to the appropriate committee of the County Council which will meet on July 15th.

The small circus that visited over a weekend in June proved to be very popular with the young children and the playing field was left in a good condition.

The Council does not meet in August so the next report will be for September's meeting which will be on the 7th in the village hall committee room starting at 7.30pm.

MAST TO BLAME FOR SIGNAL OUTAGES



Technical failures left many Ramsey residents struggling to find phone signal last month. Customers of O2 took to social media to express their frustration at the drop in service. An issue with a local phone mast, owned and operated by a separate company, was said to be responsible for the outage.

Over 60 people commented on a facebook post by local group "Spotted in Ramsey and Warboys", with many complaining that the problem had been ongoing for several days, and that there was little or no communication from the phone company. Local businesses were also affected, with staff at Barnett's Hairdressers unable to connect their card reader at irregular intervals. Enquiries through the O2 website were met with this statement: "Sorry, there's a mast near you that isn't fully working and we're waiting for our 3rd party supplier to visit the site to fix the problem. Your service may be intermittent for calls, using the internet, or sending/receiving messages in this area during this time."

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By Vanessa Norman – Arts Director

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LOCAL MP RETURNS TO THE BACK BENCHES

Shailish Vara, Member of Parliament for North West Cambridgeshire, will be returning to the back benches following the announcement by the Prime Minister of her new Government. A supporter of the former leadership candidate Micheal Gove, Mr Vara was appointed Justice Minister in 2013. He recently expressed his support for new Prime Minister Theresa May, saying she is "the right person to lead Britain forward at this time in our country's history". In a statement released to

the press late last month, Mr Vara said: "It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have served as a Minister in Government, first in the Whips Office, and then at the Ministry of Justice and for the past year jointly at the Department for Work and Pensions. Our Country has huge challenges ahead and I am confident that in Theresa May we have the right person to lead us. I look forward to continuing to support her as we work towards a One Nation agenda."

However, there was better news for the local Conservative Party later in the month, when Cllr Simon Bywater left UKIP to join their ranks. Mr Vara commented that Cllr Bywater had "very ably represented the people of the Sawtry and Ellington ward during his time as a councillor. I am delighted that he is joining the Conservative Party and look forward to continuing to work with him in the interests of the local community."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Snippets

Ramsey Mereside traffic calming expected by end of year

New traffic calming measures were unveiled at a consultation in Ramsey Mereside last month, after a Town Council working party secured £10,000 in funding for the project. The well attended meeting was held at Mereside Village Hall, with Ramsey Town and

District Councillors, Highways officials and Speedwatch in attendance. Plans displayed at the event show four give way build-outs, of a style yet to be determined, to be placed at regular intervals along Oilmills Road, which runs directly through the village. Two

variations on signage were also displayed. The scheme is expected to cost up to £20,000, with £10,000 coming from Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highway Improvement Initiative, and an equal amount donated by Ramsey Town Council. Councillor John Palmer, who sits on the Town Council speed calming committee and was directly involved with the LHI funding bid, commented on the many attendees, saying: "they are all keen, they are all interested. There's been enough talk about it, and there has been enough door knocking, and now we are getting it done".

Councillor Palmer has also collected over 150 signatures from residents living along the proposed route supporting the traffic calming measures. However, not all local citizens were as supportive of the measures. One voiced concerns over the safety of the proposals, stating "somebody is going to get killed! They are going to keep coming through there like its 200mph, same as I have seen every day".

"I think they should have a camera at either end, average speed cameras like on Forty Foot Bank, and that will slow it down", said another, later adding "It's slowed the traffic down in Forty Foot, why is it not good enough for Ramsey Mereside to have the same facility and privilege. There is a lot of people and traffic that comes through our village, why shouldn't we have the same treatment?"

The measures are expected to be reviewed later in the year, with work likely to commence before Christmas and to be completed by the end of the financial year at the latest.



Duffy announces leadership bid

Ramsey District Councillor Lisa Duffy formally announced her bid for leadership of the United Kingdom Independence Party at an event in London late last month.

CLr Duffy, who is one of the longest serving UKIP councillors in the country, has been quoted as saying she is standing for the grassroots party movement, and is the only candidate standing who is not an MEP. Speaking at a local event, CLr Duffy stated that "We don't need another Nigel Farage", explaining that it is no longer about the individual but the party.

CLr Duffy's bid was boosted last week when leadership hopeful Suzanne Evans dropped out of the race and indicated her support for CLr Duffy.



Councillor John Palmer showcasing the proposed traffic calming measures at Ramsey Mereside Village Hall

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RAMSEY & WARBOYS REMEMBER THE SOMME

The 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme was remembered during a small ceremony at the War Memorial in Ramsey early last month.

Local residents, independent councillors and members of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion paid tribute to those who had fallen with two minutes' silence, while three blasts of a whistle were blown in tribute by Councillor John Palmer. Mayor Adela Costello also laid a wreath, with Deputy Mayor Doug McIlwain in attendance. The Chairwoman of the Ramsey Branch of the Royal British Legion's Women's Section, paid tribute to those who had fallen and those still serving in the armed forces, saying: "It is important to remember all those who have helped our nations, weather they have fallen, survived or are currently serving. It is important to remember the fallen and to let them rest in peace but also to remember the future."

Particularly mentioned were two local residents who fell during the battle. Ramsey resident William Hampton, a 2nd lieutenant in the 3rd Norfolk regiment, died on the 1st of July 1916, and is listed on the Ramsey Memorial. Private Edward Adams, who was also killed in action that day, is remembered on the Warboys War Memorial, where a further ceremony was also held.



WHISTLE COMMEMORATION IN WARBOYS

The 100th anniversary provided an opportunity to commemorate the Service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the battle. Sincere thanks to Doug Crane, President of the Warboys Royal British Legion, for arranging to blow an ARP whistle at the Warboys War Memorial at 7.28am on 1 July 2016 which enabled a small group of residents, Parish and District Ward Councillors to assemble to honour the fallen, whilst reflecting upon the human cost of conflict and to have hope for a more peaceful world.

After an eight-day bombardment of German lines, at 7.28am on 1 July 1916 the whistles blew at the Battle of the Somme, ordering men to climb out of their trenches and cross 'no-man's land'.

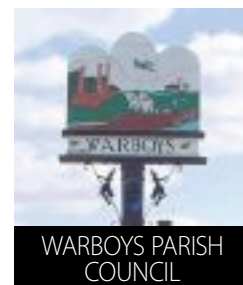
The Battle of the Somme was fought at such terrible cost that it has come to symbolise the tragic futility of the First World War. Its first day of conflict remains the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army and it was felt deeply at home, in particular in those towns and villages which had raised Pals battalions and suffered horrible losses. Pals battalions were a uniquely British phenomenon. Britain was the only major power not to begin the First World War with a mass conscripted army. After the war broke out, it quickly became clear that the small professional British Army was not large enough for a global conflict.

Special comment by Peter Bucknell

After training, the first Pals battalions began to arrive on the Western Front from mid-1915. However, many of the Pals battalions were not to see their first major action until the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916. Many of these units sustained heavy casualties, which had a significant impact on their communities. With the introduction of conscription in 1916, the close-knit nature of the Pals battalions was never to be replicated



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Community comes together for Summer Fête

Manor House Care Home in Upwood has raised £1127.00 during their summer fête, which took place last month.

Falling on one of the hottest days of the year, plenty of residents turned up to support the Care Home's annual event, which is in its third year. Live music was provided by a solo singer, while stands sold food and drink to the visiting crowd. Alongside this, a whole host of traditional carnival games were on offer, with raffles, ring throws and a chocolate slide proving popular.



Organiser Amie Mann was thrilled to have raised over £1000, saying, "We're quite lucky, we have really good community support. Thank you for the support, we really appreciate it, and it's great!"

Manor Care Home was originally a vicarage built in the 19th century, and currently boasts large gardens complete with a gazebo and a pretty furnished patio area, upon which the attendees enjoyed the many activities provided. Proceeds will go towards the care home's outings, which are offered twice a month to residents.



WOOD LANE CAMP

FORMER RESIDENTS 2ND REUNION BBQ
SUNDAY SEPT 4TH 2016

Attention anyone who was a former resident of Wood Lane Camp, Ramsey and all their descendants

By Bill Jarman

This is the camp on wood lane Ramsey where the 1940's show is now held every year, as most people will have probably read in past editions the Camp has had a very interesting and chequered past and one of its many guises was that in its later years the dwellings were taken over by Ramsey council and were the homes of many families during the 50s and early 60s.

I spent most of my childhood on the camp and it holds a very special place in my memories as I'm sure it does for most people, especially the kids who lived there during this time in its history. In my opinion there was no better place on this earth for a child to grow up than the Camp, the families living there during my time were the salt of the earth and yes there were some rough diamonds but they were diamonds all the same. Before they are lost forever we would like to get as many stories and photo's from this period of the Camps history so we are organising a reunion for all former residents including any of their descendants. So if your father, mother or granny and granddad lived on the camp during this period or if you

were one of those lucky children who spent time there we need your stories and photo's to record for later generations.

There will be a barbecue on Sunday 4th Sept 2016 at 2pm, anyone with a connection to the Camp is welcome, it will be held outside weather permitting but if it is wet it will be in the drill hall (there is a small charge of £1.50 for tickets) this will include a free BBQ but please buy the tickets in advance so we know how many are coming, please bring along any photo's you have of your time on the camp for us to copy and add to our collection, there will be free food and music, tickets are available from the Camp on Tuesdays or Saturdays, if you cant get there on those days telephone John 07527-727668 or Bill on 01487 710445 or call in H R Wades Gt Whyte Ramsey, this is the 2nd reunion for us carrying on from the success of last years event, this year we have taken on board the comments made at last years event and there will be a few changes we will add nameplates so everyone knows who is who, and try to get people to tell their stories and memories of their times, also this year the burgers are free so come along and join us on the 4th Sept and tell your stories



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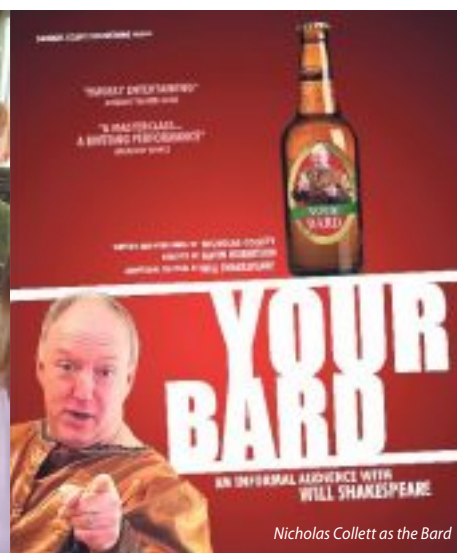
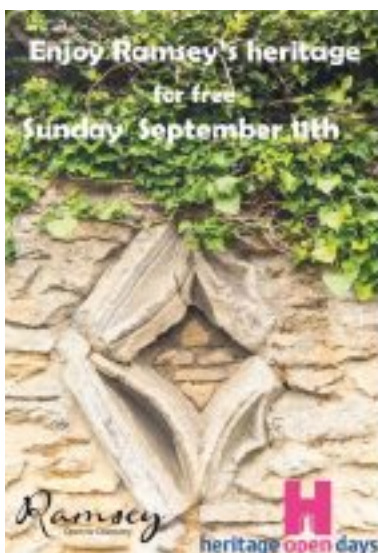


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Celebrate our Heritage & meet Shakespeare!

By Ann Cuthbert, Promoting Ramsey

What could be better than a free day's event suitable for all ages? Sunday September 11th will see all the heritage sites in Ramsey open their doors for free again as they join National Heritage Open Day. There will be a free vintage bus, leaving the library on the hour, and new for this year there'll be some "Rammy the Rams" for children (and adults) to find! Put the date in your diary and check out this and other events in Ramsey on the www.discoverramsey.co.uk event's page.

MEET THE BARD

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death "Your Bard - an informal audience with Will Shakespeare" is being performed at the Ramsey Rural Museum on Saturday 17th September. The Barn at the museum will be the Shakespeare pub for the night where "Professor Nother" will be expounding his theory that Shakespeare did not in fact write all those plays. That's Will's cue to kick the door off the hinges and defend his reputation.

Jon Novice, Chair of Ramsey Arts Festival, says "Come and meet the man himself and take the lid off a legend. He'll tell you all about his family, what it's like on tour and the glory days at the Globe. Queen Elizabeth I, Christopher Marlowe and Ned Alleyn - you'll

meet them too. Inter-mingled with a few of his greatest hits - and maybe a sonnet or a song! It should be a great night and there's a hog roast included in the price as well as a bar on site. Come and join us it should be fun!"

Tickets priced £12.50, including a **hog roast**, now available from me on **07808 314141** or **ramseyartsfestival@gmail.com**

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RAMSEY ROTARY NEWS



Good dining made the evening memorable

Rotary Clubs 47th Charter Anniversary Dinner 2016

Ramsey Rotary celebrated its 47th Charter with a dinner for 87 people at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley. Following dinner Rotarians and guests danced to the resident disco. A successful evening enjoyed by all who attended.



Left to Right – Mick Oliver Lead Youth Worker, Ben Jones and Sam Jones Volunteer Staff and Chris Wick Rotary Club President

Young Visitors from Crunch at Ramsey Rotary

Ben Jones – Volunteer Staff & Chairperson of the, 'Crunch Youth Club and his brother Sam Jones – Volunteer Staff, accompanied by Val Fendley – Ramsey Million and Mick Oliver – Lead Youth Worker visited Ramsey Rotary to give an over view of how the £500 Rotary presented the the Club earlier in the year has been used to further Club activities. The Crunch Club covers the 11 to 16 age group now has 78 plus registered members. Volunteer members progress through a training scheme ultimately to become a qualified Youth Worker. Thirteen year old Ben, assisted

by his brother Sam gave a confident hours presentation to Rotary members of recent Crunch activities which included disability awareness, cooking nights, steel drum workshop, break dance training, on-line safety awareness training and DJ workshop. Recent Crunch training and achievements included an Award from Police Crime Commissioners, Drug and Alcohol awareness and Trained First aiders and Child Protection. Well done Ben and Sam for your confident and knowledgeable presentation.

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Despite the early morning heavy downpour of rain, when the sun came out Rotary's 'Home Produce Stall' went well. Proceeds from cake and plant sales were £217.40, Thanks to all who contributed produce and helped on the day.

Rotary stalls open for business



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From a longstanding friendship and association with our Club, David Coulthard MBE has donated personally a Special Edition DC TW Steel Watch for us to Auction off in order to raise funds for our Rotary charities. The TW Steel David Coulthard Special Edition has been designed to celebrate the stellar career of Coulthard who holds 13 Formula One victories, having competed for Williams F1, McLaren-Mercedes and Red Bull Racing.

Should anyone be interested in bidding for this great watch please don't hesitate to contact Ramsey Rotary direct. You can also make a SEALED BID should you be interested via the Rotary web site: www.ramseyrotary.co.uk or email direct: secretary@ramseyrotary.co.uk Watch specification - 45 mm Steel case with a black bezel - carbon dial - precision Chrono movement - sapphire crystal - silicon strap - 10ATM water resistant.



Judith and Jeremy Hyde, thank you gifts from Club Members It was a good year



Left to Right – Jeremy Hyde (Outgoing President), Chris Wick (Incoming President), Mark Pettit (President Elect)

Handover Barbecue

The Rural Museum was host to Ramsey Rotary's President Handover celebration in July. Sixty eight members, family and friends dined in the marquee at the museum. Although a very wet evening it did not dampen the spirit of the outgoing President Jeremy Hyde or the incoming President Chris Wick. In his last official function of his year in office, President Jeremy Hyde inducted two new members into The World of Rotary and Rotary Club of Ramsey. Husband and wife team Monika and Roger Reynolds. Monika and Roger arrived in Ramsey last year following 15 years living in Germany where Monika



New Members – Left to Right Chris Wick (Incoming President), Jeremy Hyde (Outgoing President), Roger Reynolds, Monika Reynolds, Mark Pettit (outgoing Secretary & President Elect), Richard Hyde - sponsor of the new members

held the post of a Head Teacher. Roger is a retired Metropolitan Police Inspector. They decided to return to UK when Monika retired and selected Ramsey as the ideal location.

To round off the evening the new President Chris Wick presented Mark Pettitt with his President Elect medal. Mark will take office in 2017.



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TOUR THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN INDIA

The Golden Triangle India comprises the 3 most visited cities in India's north west, Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. On a map, these 3 cities form a roughly equilateral triangle. This is called the Golden Triangle due to the extraordinary wealth of cultural and historical splendour. The Golden Triangle India is a well-traveled route giving a good spectrum of the country's different landscapes.

It is considered one of the essential India tours for anyone looking to visit the most iconic world destinations. Experience the history of massive sandstone forts, the opulence and splendour of Rajasthan's palaces, the bustle and buzz of markets and bazaars. India is a land full of contrasts, which you can discover for yourself on a tour of the Golden Triangle.

Experience the contrasts

There are many tour operators offering a ready-made tour, or the more adventurous can go it alone: if you've never been to India before this is the place to start. To start your tour you will usually fly in to the capital Delhi. Here you can experience the contrasts between this city, the old and the new. Visit Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques, take in Raj Ghat and drive past India Gate, Parliament building and the President's Residence, then pay a visit to Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India.

Of course one of the most iconic buildings as well as one of the most famous buildings in the world and the reason many come to do the tour is the Taj Mahal in Agra. This exquisite white marble mausoleum, built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his favourite queen, Mumtaz Mahal. Commissioned in 1631 it

took 20,000 workers 22 years to complete. Finished in marble, it is a truly beautiful building. Make time to see Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort. It is another of Agra's World Heritage Sites and was the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Another great place to visit is the deserted 16th century city of Fatehpur Sikri, built by Akbar the Great and abandoned on the emperor's death.

Cultural sites

Jaipur is the third city on the Golden Triangle India tour. Jaipur is a city of regal splendour, with many cultural sites for you to visit. This vibrant 18th century capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as the 'Pink City' because of the pink coloured buildings in its old city. Take a tour of the Amber Fort, a honey coloured fortress palace in the Aravalli Hills, with its beautifully decorated rooms and striking views of the gorge.

The Hawaa Mahal, or Palace of Winds, a high screen wall built so the women of the royal household could observe street festivals and remain unnoticed from the outside. It has 953 small windows, its unique 5 storey exterior is likened to the honeycomb of a beehive. Visit the Observatory and the City Palace, which boasts courtyards, impressive gateways

and temples. Birla Temple, with its beautiful white marble mesmerises onlookers, when it glows at night. Don't forget to take in Jal Mahal "Water Palace" it's a palace located in

the middle of the Man Sagar Lake. Across the lake, you can view the hills, dotted with temples and ancient forts, and on the other side, bustling Jaipur.

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Community Indoor Spaces in Ramsey – The next stage!



by Sarah Kirkpatrick, consultant working on behalf of Ramsey Million Partnership



We are now looking at possible building options and the feasibility of developing a changed or new 'centre'. We will inform you when this work has been completed but in the meantime if you have any ideas for a centre or want to know more then you can email ramseyindoorspace@yahoo.co.uk

Ramsey Million Partnership has been looking into our local Community Buildings over the last few months. We have looked at 24 community spaces in and around Ramsey and have asked people and groups about the spaces that they use and want. Just recently we have been at community events and meetings asking for opinions on a 'drop-in' space and the services people might want. Thanks go to all the people and groups who contributed to the surveys. The study showed that we have a range of

spaces of different sizes, types and suitability for different uses. Some are very well used and others less so.

The results did show, however, that alongside increasing use of our buildings there is some need for 'new' or redesigned space. Over half of the survey respondents said that they want further space of different types. The types of space wanted include a friendly 'drop-in' type space open to everyone and further rooms for occasional hire with good quality facilities.

For more information on any of the Ramsey Million projects please contact us:

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Warboys WI

Tish Page visited us in June and gave us a wonderful account of her 8 week trip from Istanbul to the Chinese border following the Silk Road. Her determination to complete this trip in spite of a serious accident was admired. Her talk was full of interest and humour. We highly recommend this speaker.

The following week we celebrated our Annual June Tea at Holmewood Hall. A most enjoyable occasion, the tea was superb and the tour that followed was very interesting. Holmewood Hall seemed to fulfil a Bletchley Park function, full of wartime secrecy. Many of our members were unaware of the existence of this magnificent Victorian Mansion.

Two of our members visited the local school to give a short talk on keeping Warboys



clean and tidy. This was a follow up to the Clean for the Queen national campaign.

At our July meeting we will be trying Ribbon Embroidery with Jenny Lewin. Wendy Taylor, one of our members is hosting a Garden Party later in the month. In August we will be visiting Stratford Upon Avon.

Members will be running a One Pound Stall at the Picnic in the Park event at the Sports Field on July 31st.

Ramsey WI

The Ramsey WI meets the second Monday of the month at 7.30 at Ramsey Community Centre, Stocking Fen Road. Come along and try the WI, it's free to visitors and we always have a cup of tea and biscuits.

At our monthly meeting Nikki Sly of Bramble Lodge, Great Stukeley came to talk to us about Alpacas. We learnt that an alpaca is a domesticated species of South American camelid. There are two breeds of alpaca; the Suri alpaca and the Huacaya alpaca. Nikki and her husband bought their first Alpacas as an alternative to six hours of grass cutting, rejecting sheep, goats and cows before setting out to buy three alpacas then going home having bought five. The small herd has grown to double figures. We now know that Alpacas are a herd animal and need to

be kept in groups of at least three, are bred for their fleece, use a communal dung pile and can live for up to 20 years. Nikki's talk was so good we have arranged to visit the Alpacas when Bramble Lodge has their next open day.

Our next meeting is 12th September when Simon Dew of Dews Coaches will be telling us all about this well-known local firm.



Ramsey St Mary's WI

Water seems to be the uniting theme this month. A number of members and friends enjoyed a great evening at Toilethorpe outside theatre earlier in the month. The weather was kind and we enjoyed a delicious picnic in the grounds followed by a fabulous tales of the riverbank production of Wind in the Willows. Our July meeting also had a watery theme

as we learned about the fenland Great Flood of 1947. With the help of original photographs and first hand recollections, from those who lived through the disaster, Mike Petty brought the devastation to life. He also emphasised the resilience, ingenuity and community spirit of those who brought the Fen back to life once the waters had subsided.

WI	Time & Date	Location
Ramsey Abbey	2pm – 1st Thursday	Bury Village Hall
Holme	7.30pm – 1st Thursday	Holme Village Hall
Ramsey	7.30pm – 2nd Monday	Ramsey Community Centre
Ramsey St. Mary's	7.30pm – 3rd Wednesday	The Barn, Ashbeach School
Warboys	7.15pm – 2nd Wednesday	Warboys Parish Centre
Wistow	7.30pm – 2nd Wednesday	Wistow Village Hall

As you've read in our previous articles, neutering our pets has many benefits for their health, behaviour, safety and the pet population. The benefits are true for male cats too – let us highlight a few specific risks for our feline friends.

Neutering - Part 4



Entire (un-neutered) male cats' lives are ruled by finding as many mates as possible and patrolling their territory. They will establish a territory around their home and will mark it regularly by spraying their very pungent urine (much smellier than a neutered cats urine) – AND they can even do this in your house!

Their home territory is often larger than their neutered counterparts and can extend for miles, but they will also venture even further in search of a mate.

This wandering means they will most likely have to cross more roads, increasing the chance of being involved in a road traffic accident. Or they can even get lost on their travels and not find their way home.

Entire tomcats will defend their territory and enforce their dominance over other cats by fighting. Fighting can cause terrible injuries and wounds and even abscesses which may need extensive medical treatment. They are also at high risk of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), which is the cat equivalent of HIV/AIDS. The virus depletes the white blood cells and over time will make the cat less able to fight off infection. FIV is a slow acting virus and infected cats can live normal lifestyle, albeit needing extra support if they catch an infection (which is more likely with entire males given their tendency to fight). It is nonetheless a virus and one we need to control the spread of in the country's cat population.

This lifestyle of fighting and roaming leaves little room for you and you may find they offer less than neutered individuals



in the way of companionship.

Castrating (neutering) a male cat is a very straightforward and affordable procedure. A Vet will complete the surgery in around 30 minutes and the cat will be back to himself within a few hours (once they recover from the anaesthetic). Believe it or not they don't even need stitches – the incision is so small and the body heals much better without the interference.

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HELP LOCAL TEAM RAISE MONEY FOR AFRICA

Local resident Joe Boyne, along with four others, is looking to raise funds to help with his work volunteering to take part in the Mellon Educate Building Blitz 2016.

In order to raise the £3,500 necessary to help with the Building Blitz, Joe and his team are hosting a Black Tie Dinner at the Peterborough Greyhound Stadium on Friday the 19th of August. For full details on how you can attend this event and help the group reach their goal, see the information above.

Mellon Educate, whose mission is to provide better standards for African children, has been fundraising for over fourteen years. To date, the charity has built 10 new schools and renovated many more, providing over 10,000 young children a better chance at life. Joe himself will also be working with the Ramsey Youth

Centre to set up a Penpal service to send and receive letters from children in Africa. A statement from the charity in Joe's confirmation letter read: "Overall, with the help of our volunteers, our aim is to help change the educational landscape and improve the lives of as many children as possible. We would be most grateful for any assistance you could give by way of donation, sponsorship, or granting permission for fundraising. With your contribution and with committed volunteers like Joe on our team, we know we will succeed! We hope you can support our volunteers in any way possible and even the smallest of donations are greatly appreciated."

For further information on the charity please visit www.melloneducate.com or phone **0780 553 3942 / 0784 161 9022**



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By Kat Feveyear



HEAD START NURSERY

SUMMER FETE AND OPEN DAY FOR LITTLE MIRACLES CHARITY

They had lots of fun things for the children to do from face painting and a bouncy castle to fun raffles for the children to take part in as well as a chance for the children to explore the toys and environment available at Head Start.

A local farmer went along with his tractor to show the children how a tractor works and to tell the children the jobs the tractor has to do daily. The children were even lucky enough to climb up the really big steps and sit in the driver's seat and pretend to be a farmer for the day. The local fire station were also in attendance and the children had the opportunity to look around the fire engine to see all of the different items that may be used in the event of an emergency.

Dinosaur

The bouncy castle was a huge hit and the fact that it was a dinosaur gave the children the chance to share their excitement with others and even made new friends!

Elsa, Tinkerbell and Snow White had heard about their family fun day and just couldn't

stay away so they went along to enjoy all that was on offer at Head Start too. The children had the opportunity to meet the princesses and there were lots of chances throughout the day for the children to get their photos taken with them.

Stalls

As well as all the wonderful entertainment held on the day, a number of stalls went along to share in the excitement. Available was Plaques by Sharron Tiffin, a beautician stall, Body Shop by Louise Birt as well as many many more. They also held a BBQ, sweet stall and cake stall which were all manned by Head Start Nursery staff.

All in all it was a brilliant day and they would like to thank everyone who went along to support this great cause. They really don't believe it would have been as successful, without all their continued support! They raised a total of £150.00 for Little Miracles.

For further information to sign up to Head Start Pre-School please contact headstart-ramsey@gmail.com or phone 01487 710709.



New chef for Jolly Sailor

Our friends Paul and Louise Crawford of The Jolly Sailor in The Great Whyte, Ramsey have been telling us about their new top chef, as well as their new menu, which will be available along with a 'taster' event which is planned very soon.

Further information will be published in our September edition. If you can't wait until then to find out how great their new chef is, you can always call in and find out now. Bon appetit.

Recycling Business gets thumbs up

Shailesh Vara MP, along with Huntingdonshire District Council Chairman Peter Bucknell, visited the Woodford Recycling Facility in Warboys last month.

Mr Vara and Cllr Bucknell met with Mr Mark Farren, Managing Director of the company and were shown around the site.

Woodford Recycling moved into Warboys in 2010 and wound-up the previous contentious landfill enterprise whilst simultaneously developing an efficient recycling business. Some £3 million has been invested into a specific construction and demolition

materials recovery facility in addition to new office and staff space. The current business is capable of diverting nearly 100% of waste received away from landfill.

Following the visit, Mr Vara said "I wish Woodford Recycling every success for the future and hope that its story will be used as an example for industry to follow in years to come." Cllr Peter Bucknell also commented "As Chairman of Warboys Landfill Liaison Group, I am extremely pleased that we have another company in Warboys offering local jobs."





A WASTE OF TIME?

HOURS OF POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE TIME HAVE BEEN LOST PROTECTING THE DISUSED BUILDINGS ON THE FORMER RAF SITE IN UPWOOD

By Adam Roberts

Police and fire services have been called to the disused RAF site in Upwood at regular intervals for the past twelve weeks, as young people continue to trespass on the site.

Police have recorded fifteen separate incidents of trespassing in the last three months, including a number of deliberately started fires and the theft of heavy machinery. In one notable incident, loud bangs were reported by local residents, who compared the noises to blasts of a shotgun, although police were unable to find anyone at the scene.

There has also been an effect on the farm animals who graze on parts of the site, with holes in fencing caused by trespassing leading to several loose animals. Most recently, officers received three separate reports of pigs loose on the B1040 road between Upwood and Bury on the 12th of July. In Bury Close, they were reported to be wreaking havoc in a resident's garden, and elsewhere on the B1040 they were posing a hazard to traffic. By 6:00 pm, all nine escapees had been rounded up and safely

returned home, but they were out again later in the evening, forcing their owner to herd them back home for a second time.

Sergeant Andrew Street, of the St Ives and Ramsey Neighbourhood Policing Team, commented that the problems had been happening for some time, saying "I have been liaising closely with my colleagues in the Fire and Rescue service and we have arranged a meeting with the owners to see what can be done regarding improvements to the security of the site." He also cautioned against trespassing on the site, stating "the fact is, there are many buildings on the air base which are due for demolition and as such are in a very dangerous state of repair. Some people seem to think that the site can be used as a playground and it is likely that someone will be seriously injured or even killed there."

Sergeant Street also confirmed that the problem was taking up considerable amounts of Police and Fire Service time, although it is impossible to estimate exactly how much either service has been affected.

RAF Upwood incidents reported over last 12 weeks

16th May - Police notified of an incident of arson around a derelict building on the disused RAF base. The Fire Brigade dealt with the incident which involved two deliberate fires.

18th May - Police received reports that several persons with torches had been seen entering the base. A police patrol was diverted, 5 people were located and questioned before being directed off the property.

20th May - Police received a report of children having been seen climbing on the roofs of derelict buildings on the disused RAF base. A police patrol was diverted to attend and spotted a large group of young people who disappeared when police attempted to talk to them.

21st May - Police received another report of young people trespassing on the RAF Upwood site, this time with motorbikes.

24th May - Police received another report concerning youths on a motorbike, although possibly a different motorbike from the first incident.

27th May - Six young people were escorted from the site by police following reports by local residents of people seen entering the area.

1st June - The Fire Brigade respond to a fire in a derelict building, which was thought to have been set intentionally.

3rd June - Police were called to escort six further young people who had been reported trespassing at the site.

9th June - Theft of a JCB mini-digger and a Thwaites Dump Truck were stolen from the site, with thieves having broken in via a hole in the fencing.

10th June - What is described as a 'large group' of teenagers were spotted skateboarding and walking around derelict buildings, and subsequently escorted from the site.

3rd July - Fire started deliberately in derelict building on site - Fire Brigade were called and swiftly extinguished the blaze.

6th July - At least three unauthorized cars were seen to enter the site, and lounge revving sounds were heard. They are thought to have left the site before police arrived.

8th July - A group of young males were escorted from the site after being spotted during a police patrol.

9th July - A 'large group' of young people ran and evaded police officers sent to escort them from the area after trespassing.

19th July - A large rubbish fire was extinguished, with firefighters discovering an additional fire while leaving the scene.

Police raid highlights national cannabis culture

Police raided what was described as a 'fully functioning cannabis factory' on the Great Whyte on the 29th June, prompting concerns about increasing activity in the local area.

On the morning of Wednesday 29th June, officers from the St Ives and Ramsey policing team carried out a search of premises at the northern end of the Great Whyte. They discovered a number of cannabis plants, which were seized alongside what reports describe as "all of the paraphernalia for their cultivation".

The successful operation is just one of a string of incidents over the last few years, with criminals turning to rural areas as a means of avoiding detection. In the Ramsey and Warboys area alone, three significant 'cannabis factories' have been raided in the past few years, one of which was described as the largest ever discovered. At the end of last year, a house in Orchard Close was found to contain over 70 plants, while parish workers discovered additional bags dumped off the B1040 in early January.

Nationally, cannabis farming has become a problem in some of the largest rural areas the

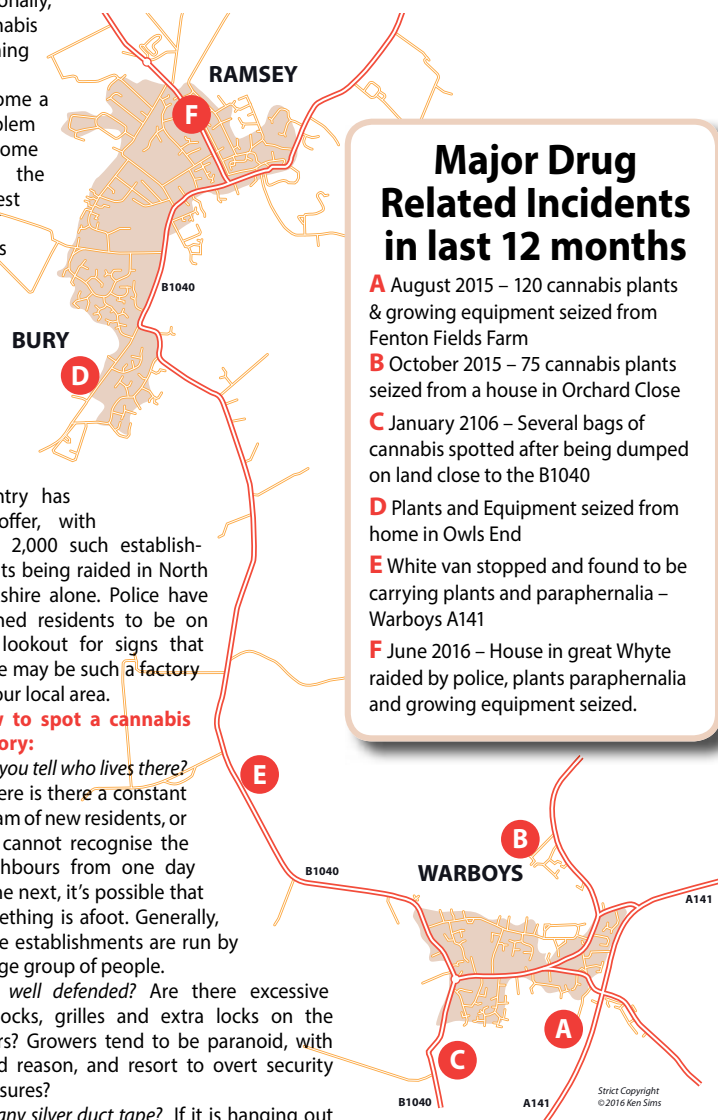
of the windows, tip off the police. Cannabis farmers love silver duct tape.

Can you see in the windows? While most growers keep their curtains closed, it is well worth checking for condensation of the windows, or an excessively blacked out or boarded up property. This is done both to protect from prying eyes and to ensure maximum light in the growing areas.

Can you smell anything? This one is fairly obvious, but is one of the top causes for discovery. Even the most well insulated home will emit a faint aroma of marijuana.

Is the roof particularly warm? This one is a bit tougher, but several cannabis farmers were discovered during the winter snows, as their lofts were entirely devoid of snow. Often-times, birds may be attracted to the roof also, enjoying the warmth generated by the lights. Of course, this might just be a gas boiler in the roofspace.

If you have been affected by this, or have seen something you wish to report, call the non-emergency Police Line 101. In an emergency, always call 999.



country has to offer, with over 2,000 such establishments being raided in North Yorkshire alone. Police have warned residents to be on the lookout for signs that there may be such a factory in your local area.

How to spot a cannabis factory:

Can you tell who lives there?

If there is there a constant stream of new residents, or you cannot recognise the neighbours from one day to the next, it's possible that something is afoot. Generally, these establishments are run by a large group of people.

Is it well defended? Are there excessive padlocks, grilles and extra locks on the doors? Growers tend to be paranoid, with good reason, and resort to overt security measures?

See any silver duct tape? If it is hanging out



Crunch YOUTH CLUB

by Ben Jones - Chairperson of the youth committee

The Crunch club has ended for the summer, one of our last sessions was Zorb Soccer, although at times it was more like sumo wrestling than soccer 😊 It's been a great term and I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this club as amazing as it is.

- The staff team and volunteers
- The young people who come to youth club
- Ramsey Million
- Ramsey Town Council
- Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust
- Rotary Club of Ramsey
- The County Council (who let us use their building)

Over the Summer the volunteers like me will be helping out with activities for the younger children at BOSH play scheme. This helps us to get experience on top of our youth work qualifications. We've also done first aid training and child safeguarding training.

After the play scheme there's four days of activities for 11 to 16 year olds. We've planned an inflatable fun day for young people with ninja warrior style activities. Then we're out on trips to Gauntlet, Laser quest, bowling and Great Yarmouth. The trips are open to all. See the poster in this edition.

You can book places at the
Neighbourhood Office (next to library)
01487 814897

Join in at www.thebigtidyup.org

Ramsey Summer Clean Up

Saturday 27th August 2016
10am - 12pm

Meet outside Ramsey Library
Everyone Welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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4 days of activities

INFLATABLES DAY
Tuesday 16th August

Gauntlet
Wednesday 17th August

Play2Day LASER TAG
Thursday 18th August

Pleasure Beach
Friday 19th August

Sign up now

Please note **LIMITED SPACES!**
Offered to regular Crunch users first.

SUMMER FUN 2016

Ramsey Local Trust Big Local

RAMSEY Crunch YOUTH PROJECT 11+

***TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST**
Time: 12-4pm,
Venue: Ramsey Cricket Club,
Price: £5 per person,
Details: Inflatable Fun Day to include bungee run, gladiator duel, chicken suits, 50ft obstacle course, and more.
Booking: Via Crunch sessions, Ramsey Neighbourhood Office.

***WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST**
Time: 10-12:30 and 1-3:30
Venue: Gauntlet, meet there.
Price: £2.50 per session, £5 for day
Details: Motorbike riding at Gauntlet
Booking: Via Crunch sessions, Ramsey Neighbourhood Office.

***THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST**
Time: 10am - 3.30pm
Venue: Laser Tag/Bowling at Play2Day Guyhirn
Price: £7.50 per person
Details: Coach leaves Ramsey Library at 10am, 2 games of laser tag, 2 games of bowling, return to Library by 3.30pm

***FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST**
Time: 10am leave Ramsey Library, leave Yarmouth at 5pm, back at library by 8pm.
Venue: Great Yarmouth
Price: £10 per person
Details: Coach trip to Great Yarmouth,
Booking: Via Crunch sessions, Ramsey Neighbourhood Office.

Payments can be made in advance via Crunch Youth Club or at The Neighbourhood Office, Ramsey Library, 25 Great Whyte.
Tel: 01487 814897
Email: jodie.rntoffice@gmail.com

CARNIVAL



A SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY!

Ramsey Carnival highlighted the community spirit in all of us, writes Adam Roberts

At first glance, Ramsey Carnival was doomed. It was around 10am. Hopeful volunteers were beginning to filter onto the grass at the Abbey College. And the rain was just getting started.

I barely made it to the Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust (RNT) tent before it began coming down in earnest. The heavens opened... and yet it would have taken more than a monsoon to dampen spirits inside the awnings! To my right, an entire family was running around setting up a raffle, while to my left the braver RNT volunteers were assembling another pop-up gazebo. As raindrops dampened the centre, the field's perimeter was a hive of activity, with various groups awkwardly pulling up tents. The word had got out – the rain was expected

to stop, and both plans and the people moved to the Rainbow Community Centre, where the parade was beginning to form. I, however, wouldn't make it there just yet.

My next stop led me to Ramsey Library, a welcoming warm oasis sheltering a team of fluorescent-vested helpers from the elements. Here, Ramsey Million Partnership's Val Fendley was working to corral the team in charge of closing off the roads in time for the parade. Each member was equipped with the traditional yellow vest (even a confused-if-cheerful beagle who seemed to enjoy being along for the ride) and a radio to co-ordinate a rolling roadblock. Community volunteers? Check. Colourful outfits? Check. Amusingly kitted-out canine? Check. There was no way I could resist a picture. (See over).

Not that there was a shortage of irresistible photographic opportunities that day. The sixties theme was one well chosen, and casting an eye over the sea of colour gathered at the Rainbow Community Centre was the catalyst to all manner of emotion. Lesser feelings of amazement (at the work which had gone into the costumes) and jealousy (at the gorgeous Rolls-Royce from which Adela Costello, Mayor of Ramsey, would be leading the parade) were dwarfed by a sense of pride at this profound gesture of community spirit. Hundreds of local people, who had clearly spent days and weeks preparing their banners and their costumes, coming together to celebrate their town with their friends and colleagues. If you were wondering why such a carnival

still means anything, here is where you would find your answer.

Every sort of group imaginable was present and accounted for. Schools made up the bulk of the parade, with the younger member smiling and waving while their older minders held out buckets to collect for their charities and causes. These were backed up by the clubs; Ramsey Colts boasted the only lorry of the day, which was decked out in a 1966 world cup theme complete with rowdy football tunes, while bringing up the rear were the enthusiastic members of youth clubs Crunch and Bosh, led by a flower-powered VW.

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RAMSEY

GETTING READY...



OFF THEY GO!



CARNIVAL



ON THE FIELD

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WHO TURNED UP



RAMSEY

AND INTO THE NIGHT...

The Gaiety Ballroom, A History

A slice of Ramsey history sadly lost to the annals of time, the Gaiety ballroom has a short but industrious history, with the most accessible and vibrant period between 1950 and 1970.

Little is known about the origins of the ballroom, which was hidden away in a yard behind the High Street in Ramsey and was only accessible via an alleyway next to Bonnetts Bakery (formerly Cope & Kilby's Bakery), just along from the George Hotel. A Palace Theatre sign was the only guide, and residents who remember when the venue was open describe crowds coming from miles around, with a free bus service available from Peterborough, Huntingdon and several other local towns.

Purchased and refurbished by the Corney family in the late 1950s, the Gaiety Ballroom opened in January 1961, and hosted an incredible number of famous acts. Some of the more notable A-Listers include The Hollies, The Move, The Animals, The Moody Blues, The Troggs, The Herd, Geno Washington and also a rare early appearance from David Bowie with the Manish Boys. The late 1960s music trends started to drift away from dancing to beat combos as the popularity of "progressive" rock bands and

the era of flower power started to take over. During this time, The Who would play twice to sell-out crowds, once in June 1965 and again in December, 1968. Alongside this, new disco nights followed a trend away from traditional dances and towards the new DJ set, and the ballroom began to host more commercially adventurous pursuits, such as Bingo.

Enjoying the closure of the Peterborough Palais in 1967, the Gaiety enjoyed a fantastic line-up in 1967 and 1968 before abruptly changing in February 1969 when live shows eventually ended in favour of social gatherings. However, the Gaiety continued to function as both a Cabaret Club and a Social Club with bingo and occasional roller skating nights.

One last defiant effort to relaunch the live shows came in June 1971 when the venue proudly proclaimed a Gaiety Ballroom Revival with The Equals headlining on opening night. The following week they hosted Fairweather and announced future dates to include Christie and Status Quo. Christie's show on 31st July 1971 was to be the last stand for the Gaiety however as a newspaper announcement from the time suggests.

The Gaiety Gallery



The night's entertainment: 10 o'clock curfew (top) and Who's Who? () In tribute to original Gaiety stars The Who



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Particularly impressive were the girl guides, who wore a mixture of modern and historic uniforms each in their own colours, providing the central section with something akin to an enthusiastically marching rainbow. Lastly, we come to the community organisations, everyone from the Phoenix Project to the Day Nursery. Even the Bury Neighbourhood Plan team made an appearance; you have to commend that kind of commitment to outreach.

This vibrant band was led through the town by the Harmony Majorettes, who fully justified the many trophies they proudly displayed. At the front was Lisa, current Miss Deputy U.K.F.M, providing a fantastically twirling, jumping and dancing show that was bound to hypnotize. Marching along to modern dance music, this talented troupe offered that last dash of professionalism that marked out this year's carnival parade as one of the best yet. Who needs lorries when you have song, dance and community spirit?

What you do need, however, is a good pair of shoes. The route took both the marchers and me from one end of the Great Whyte to the other, before making a left onto the High Street and a right into Hollow Lane, all the while edging closer to the final goal at the school's sports fields. That's a fair distance to walk, and it's made even longer when stopping to take photographs and jogging the distance back to the front. I can only apologize to my poor, beaten, wood-soled shoes for my lack of foresight. They served me well, if briefly.

Back to the parade, and the crowds that gathered to wave them on were surely a testament to its great success. Lines of curious onlookers stretched along the Great Whyte, often-times two or three rows deep, all eager to pick out their loved ones marching and wave to the assembled masses. The rolling

roadblock worked its magic, and soon these very crowds were wandering along behind the parade, vastly increasing its numbers, all headed to the field. Even here, local businesses could be found to be chipping in, with Tesco's Community Champions Belinda and Marianne lining the route, and Best Wishes providing balloons.

Not a day without incident, it is worth recounting one of the more curious occurrences at this point. One unfortunate resident, who we shall not name, had decided to get away from all the excitement and nip to the loo. Unfortunately for her, the lock jammed and she was left stranded inside, shouting for help through the heavy door. Enter Adrian, an RNT volunteer who just happened to be walking past, who heard her cries and summoned the police. A combination of brute strength and a crowbar provided by the Edwards Farm market stall, and the unlucky occupant was released.

By this point, the parade had reached its destination, the sports fields of Abbey College, Ramsey. Cllr Adela Costello, whose Rolls-Royce had long since sped on ahead,

greeted and judged the walkers and floats who had made it. First place went to the highly colourful, wonderfully smiley and fantastically hippy offering by Ramsey Junior School, with Ramsey Colts and the preschool taking home second and third respectively. Now, all that was left was to enjoy the many, many offerings on the field.

There was archery, motorsport, caricatures, cake, charities, Grinches, tennis, tombola's, raffles, shortbread, music, dancing... and that's only one half of the field! To one side, children enjoyed a small fair complete with a merry-go-round, while at the other their parents eyed up wine, chocolates and DVD's on offer at one of the many raffles. A day for the active, kids had their pick of inflatables to bounce, climb and slide on, while tennis, archery and go-karting were available for the more adventurous. The stage area at one end was particularly impressive, with solo singers and bands (including the highly entertaining Killer Shrimps) warming up the crowds. What really summed it up for me, however, were the many community stalls: U3A, the Rotary Club, Macmillan, Discover Ramsey and Luminus had all made the trip, while many of those who had marched in the parade now continued to sell their wares and promote their causes.

Sadly, after I had bugged as many of these wonderful people as I could, my time was up, and yet there was still more in store for me. If a town carnival seems like an old fashioned notion, recreating an event from the 1970's themselves is far more of a tall order. But that is exactly what Ramsey Promotions Officer Ann Cuthbert, alongside the organisers of the Ramsey Arts Festival, did at The Camp, opening a Ramsey Gaiety for a new generation.

For a little history, check over the page, but I shall say here that the Ramsey Gaiety has an illustrious past. Lulu, The Moody Blues, The Move and The Troggs all graced its stage, but none so rock-and-roll as The Who. For this re-imagined venue, the night's headliners



were Who's Who, one of the premier tribute bands who have played festival stages for thousands of fans, with local legends 10 O'Clock Curfew opening the evening.

There was dancing, singing, eating and drinking. Although I never got to enjoy their wares, the old-fashioned corner bar certainly drew guests, while I have to give full credit to whoever ordered what must be the worlds largest take-away. Fish and Chips came stacked high in box after box, handed out to an eager and packed house. I saw plenty given out but none were returned, and judging by the clean plates (or rather wrapping papers), I think I can safely judge the fish supper a roaring success.

How about the night itself? Well, speaking to a few patrons a week later, many confessed their ears were still ringing. Loud, proud and on top form, Who's Who surprised the sold-out crowd with many of the original band's top hits, as well as a few covers of lesser known tracks. Equally amazing were 10 O'Clock Curfew, who easily held their own on the night, and got almost the entire room dancing to the tune of Rolling Stones' Brown Sugar. There is already talk of re-creating this fantastic event next year, and I would happily join the many voices hoping for more.

How to summarise all this? Well, I am drawn back to my early feelings back on the rain-soaked lawns of the Abbey College. What an incredible day this was, built by the community and given life as residents from all walks of life gathered to simply celebrate living in Ramsey. I have no doubt over the course of the day that friendships were forged and interests explored, but to me, this speaks very clearly to those who dismiss Ramsey as 'the outback', simply another fenland market town. Here is a community that comes together, celebrates together, and knows how to have fun! We have bands, sports teams, children's groups, charity organisations... The list goes on. The outback? My goodness, are we so, so much more than that.





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How to free up cash by reducing receivables



Recruitment

I was working with a client recently who was having problems recruiting a senior role. They'd had trouble finding decent candidates, and had a few "false starts" offering the role to people they didn't actually think were quite right, out of desperation. This rarely works out well!

So we took things back to basics and looked at the role and talked about the kind of person they were looking for. I got them to describe the ideal person, and looked at the **person specification** they'd done, then we talked about which of the criteria they had were absolutely crucial.

As is frequently the case, especially in very small businesses, it turned out that for this role, the most crucial aspect was the personal attributes the person would have. They needed the skills for the role, but it was their approach to work, their personal characteristics and work values that would make the difference between a success in the role and someone who didn't work out.

These are things that can't be learned and don't come with training, either the person has them or they don't. Because they weren't getting these candidates in the places they were looking, we needed to look somewhere else. They were looking in the traditional places for their sector, the places where people with lots of experience in that sector would look for roles. But although experience in the sector would obviously be good, it does not follow that people with experience in that sector would fit the profile of the person they needed.

Any good candidate can and will spend the first six months learning all about the sector and about the business they are working in. Lacking in this area is something that can be addressed relatively quickly, as long as the qualities and attributes that will fit in the organisation are right. If they are, this will happen quicker anyway.

So if you're struggling to find good candidates for your role, consider the following:

You may need to compromise

But make sure you do this in the right way. Take a step back and think about what makes

a success in the role. Don't compromise on the things which are vital but can't be learned, instead consider compromising on skills, experience and qualifications if this is possible in the role in question.

Review where you are looking for candidates

Those who have the qualities, attributes and qualities that are really essential may not be looking in the traditional places. They may have gained those skills in a different way but might be a huge asset to your business.

Social media

Don't underestimate the effectiveness of social media recruitment and make full use of LinkedIn, your Twitter account and Facebook if your business is on there.

Nobody is better than the wrong person

Don't appoint out of desperation. It very rarely works out well, and the amount of time you'll spend managing the person and being concerned about results could have been spent finding the right person, which you'll have to do anyway. If you're struggling, review what you are doing and change it, don't just give up and offer the job to someone who might do. They won't.



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The most effective way to manage receivables is to put into place a system that allows management the ability to:

1. Provide credit to eligible customers only
2. Keep track of receivables in a timely manner
3. Trigger follow-up calls/emails/letters for reminders/past due/legal action and
4. Trigger when management intervention or legal recourse becomes the next action.

This allows for the majority of receivables to be managed in an orderly and efficient manner, while allowing problem accounts to surface immediately. If the system does not adequately address each step then receivables may become a major issue for the business.

Convenient purchasing

Providing credit is a cash flow draining strategy for any business and should be viewed as a privilege provided to customers. A business may be able to expand revenue very quickly by extending lines of credit to customers that would have otherwise not been able to pay for items. Providing credit then becomes a risk-based decision and businesses should be aware that the risk may be passed on to external agencies such as credit card companies and financing institutions.

A business should make the payment experience as painless as possible for both the buyer and the business itself. If available, apply for credit card, debit card purchase, EFTPOS or PayPal as payment options.

Extending credit is therefore a decision that the business provides as a special case. To formalize this, assume that all customers that request credit terms first fill out a credit application form.

Creating a credit judgement criteria checklist Once the business accepts the credit application form, a system will need to be put in place that allows for an evaluation of the potential customer's ability to pay on credit terms. The business should therefore create a credit judgment criteria list.

Credit references

One of the crucial points of the credit application form is the inclusion of credit references. It's important to follow up each with a phone call to the referee. A lot of credit checking systems fail due to human error when credit referees are not followed up. Make sure this is part of the system and is adhered to by completing the credit judgment criteria checklist.

Advertising credit terms

If a business is putting itself in a position to shoulder the cost of providing credit then it should think carefully about using credit terms as an advertising or marketing tool. Doing so may have the unfortunate effect of draining cash reserves and the business should only do so if it is acutely aware of the net cash flow loss

that providing credit terms will entail.

Certain industries may have their own peculiar ways of using credit terms as marketing tools. Here are some examples:

Retail Businesses

A retail business should outline its different forms of payment at the point of sale, on the website, and in brochures (where applicable). Small retail shops with larger competitors may have to contend with "store credit cards" and "gift vouchers". To counter, make sure that all major credit cards are accepted and ensure that gift voucher checks are sold in the store as well. A small business may not be able to match store credit to retail customers and will probably not have the infrastructure required to do so. That said, a smaller business will be able to differentiate in other ways.

Professional and Service Industries

One of the major hurdles of professional and service firms is the charge per hour framework that so many businesses find themselves in. Turn this around by providing fixed price agreements and pricing up front as a marketing tool. This alleviates the seamlessly endless struggle of getting customers to agree to pay for hourly work and minimizes the need to write-down invoices.

Manufacturing Firms

Credit terms are probably used most as a marketing tool in the manufacturing arena. This is where credit application forms have the most use and where businesses should take the most care in screening potential clients. Because capital requirements may be large with working capital tied up primarily in raw materials, receivables days becomes a crucial financial KPI to watch as well. If credit terms becomes the only way a manufacturing firm is able to differentiate itself from the competition, then the business is putting itself at great risk. Work with the business to establish another point of differentiation such as delivery time, product customization options, quality assurance. A business that does not differentiate in any of these arenas is purely a commodity and will be forced to fight on price and credit terms alone. A double hit as the first depletes net profit while the other depletes cashflow and working capital.

We can help you understand the impact of your cash flow of either offering credit terms or reducing your days in receivables. It could be significant and it's different for every business. If you're interested in finding out what it looks like for your business, get in touch 01487 898440

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Chartered status is considered the 'gold standard' award for financial advisers in the UK and is achieved only after passing a number of rigorous examinations and continuing to meet obligations relating to professionalism and capability. All Chartered Financial Planners commit to the CII's Code of Ethics reinforcing the highest standards of professional practice in their business dealings.

Russell, who runs Ramsey Financial alongside his wife Jane Palmer, commented: 'Whilst I am extremely proud of this achievement on a personal level, I hope that it also demonstrates a commitment to all my clients at Ramsey Financial to provide the very best ongoing financial advice, guidance and knowledge'. As Ramsey Financial's sole advisor, Russell has enjoyed over 25 years' experience in financial services, with the business based in Ramsey for most of that time. While he

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Our College Ethos is Aspire and Challenge, which means that Abbey College strives to provide strong equal learning opportunities within a broad and balanced curriculum for all students regardless of ability background or culture.

Our College has an innovative and forward thinking Senior Leadership Team with a vision and drive to take the College forward, which means this is a very exciting time to join our College.

The Governing Body is looking to recruit a Site Officer. The successful candidate will work with other members of the Site Team to provide an effective and efficient caretaking and maintenance service to the College. Participation in the alternative shift rota, including early and late shifts will be required together with occasional weekend working. Driving licence essential.

Application forms and further details can be downloaded from the College website. Completed forms should be posted for the attention of the Human Resource Department at Abbey College.

**Closing date: 9.00 am Thursday 1st September 2016
Interviews: To be arranged**

Abbey College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure via the DBS which meets the requirements of the College and evidence of the right to work in the UK.

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RAMSEY WALLED GARDEN RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Salmon with avocado sauce, blackcurrant almond pudding

This is a very easy and delicious summery salmon recipe which can be cooked for just two or added up to a much larger number for a party.

Salmon with avocado sauce

Serves 6 people

6 salmon steaks
2 bay leaves
6 small sprigs of tarragon (optional, use if you have it)
6 dessertspoons of white wine or water
Salt and pepper

Sauce

1 large avocado
200 ml crème fraîche
1 clove garlic
1 teasp wine or sherry vinegar
Salt and pepper

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4 or 180oC. Take a large sheet of tin foil and lay in a shallow baking tin. Lay salmon on the tin foil with the herbs. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the wine or water. Seal the foil to make a parcel. Bake in the oven for 20 mins. Remove and allow to cool inside the foil.
2. Halve the avocado and remove the stone and the skin. Place in a food processor with the chopped garlic, vinegar and the crème fraîche. Blitz until smooth. Season to taste.

3. When you are ready to serve remove the salmon from the foil, ease off the skin and serve with the sauce.

Blackcurrant almond pudding

Serves 6-8 people

200gm butter plus a little more to grease the tin
200 gm caster sugar
3 eggs
200 gm ground almonds
1 tsp vanilla essence
200 gm blackcurrants

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4, 180oC. Grease a 25cm flan tin and line with greaseproof paper or baking parchment.
2. Cream butter and sugar in a food processor until pale. Add the eggs one at a time folding in some of the ground almonds as you go. Mix in the rest of the ground almonds and the vanilla essence.
3. Put the mixture into the flan tin and scatter over the blackcurrants.
4. Bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes or until the mixture is firm.
5. Serve warm or cold with cream, ice cream or crème fraîche.

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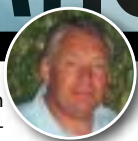
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Keith's current favourite photo

PHOTOGRAPHY FANATIC

by Keith Wilson



For some unknown reason, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire has me listed in their little black book of contacts as an 'Aviation Consultant', as well as 'Photographer'. Normally I am called to discuss sonic booms, air crashes or holiday hold-ups but during a recent interview on Chris Mann's lively and entertaining Drivetime show, we were discussing changes in photography due in particular to the advent of telephones with built-in cameras. Out of the blue, I was asked what my personal favourite picture of all time was. I didn't have to think for too long – an air-to-air snap of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire photographed in formation over Kent. It was a beautiful warm, clear August day when everything went well – even the British weather co-operated! One of the images from that sequence is reproduced here, hopefully for your enjoyment.

Some readers may be aware that much of my photography work appears in the books I write regularly. Through the good offices of Adam Roberts, some of these books have been featured in the pages of the Reporter. Hopefully, others will follow. What is probably less well known is that I have also tutored classes in Digital Photography for both beginners and advanced students during evening classes at Abbey College and Chatteris. Here, I have met and enjoyed the company of many budding photographers; all eager want to learn how to achieve that perfect picture. Sadly, there isn't a magic panacea – just patience, hard work and of

course, a large slice of luck!

Most learners arrive at classes with the latest pocket digital camera still in its box; very occasionally someone will have a state-of-the-art digital SLR; once, a young lady arrived with just her I-phone (although during the course I learned very quickly about the photographic and artistic capability of this young lady and her telephone!) Unfortunately, what they did all have in common is that they had not even read the manual and then wondered why their latest gadget didn't do exactly what they wanted it to do! Read the manual, please.

In future columns, I hope to explain some of the simple rules of photography, along with a few tricks of the trade. If there are things you would like me include, please get in touch with the newspaper. Perhaps you can contribute by sending your favourite picture to the Reporter, along with details of where and when it was taken, and more importantly, how and why?

The end of photographers as we know it?

I have recently read that Archant Publications, publishers of many local newspapers in the region, have recently taken the decision to dispense with the services of all of their staff photographers. Instead, they are to provide their reporters with I-phones and will now expect them to shoot the images at the same time as interviewing or recording the story.

How do I feel about this? Well, not too happy actually! With respect to those reporters who do a great job getting the story together, they are not photographers. There may be one or two exceptions but generally, you are either a reporter or a photographer – not both. Good, striking images attract readers to a story. If the standard of pictures become degraded, the words become less interesting. The overall quality of our local newspapers will fall.

Remember the old adage 'A picture is worth a thousand words'? Let us see what happens with the photographic quality in our local newspapers!

Do you want some answers to a nagging photographic question?
Do you have a favourite picture you would like to see in this column?
Or do you just want a few tips on how to get started with your new camera?

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ARTS+ENTERTAINMENT

Upwood Village Hall Performing Arts Events



AUTUMN PROGRAMME

UVH Performing Arts Events, now in its 9th year, has just launched its Autumn 2016 programme which promises another exciting series of concerts featuring the best in acoustic music. Such is the reputation of the venue that it is able to attract top artistes from the world of acoustic music who love the hall's intimate, friendly atmosphere. Organiser Doug McLeod said "we are delighted that audiences keep returning for the shows at UVH. Tickets do sell quickly so my advice is to book early to avoid disappointment."

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Chris While & Julie Matthews

Friday 14th October at 7.45pm - £12.50

This talented family trio from Northern Ireland wowed the UVH audience last year when they played a support set for Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver, so we have deservedly invited them back to headline their own concert. Tabitha (banjo & fiddle), Reuben (guitar) and Benjamin (double bass) Agnew play a lively mix of bluegrass, folk and swing music. As well as being talented instrumentalists their close family harmony singing is truly wonderful.

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New Year Diary Dates

Thursday 19th January 2017 - Megson
Friday 17th February 2017 - Phillip Henry & Hannah Martin



Cup O'Joe

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James Hill & Ann Janelle

Sunday 27th November at 8.00pm - £13.50

If you thought that the ukulele was a simple little four-stringed instrument prepare to have your perceptions changed by the internationally renowned virtuoso, James Hill from Canada. James is widely regarded as one of the foremost and most innovative exponents of the ukulele. An award-winning songwriter who "gives the ukulele its dignity back without ever taking himself too seriously" (Songlines), James Hill "proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the right hands the uke can be a formidable axe" (Ann Arbor News).

For the concert at UVH James will be performing alongside his wife, Anne Janelle. It's true: opposites attract. James grew up playing folk, jazz and blues on his ukulele while Anne was exclusively a classical cellist. But the pair's differences quickly have become their biggest asset. The uke is high, the cello is low; the uke plays short notes, the cello long bow strokes; the uke is all about strumming while the cello radiates melody. Like shadows and light in an old photograph, these contrasts are complementary. "We're like a pair of dancers who can't step on each other's feet," jokes James.

James will also be leading a Ukulele Workshop on the afternoon of Sunday 27th November. This workshop is strictly limited to 30 participants (£16 each). Please contact the box office for more information.

ASK THE EXPERT



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For some people the anxiety does not go away once the stressful situation has passed. This causes much distress and can affect everyday life, stopping us from doing what we would like to do. Anxiety is linked to the unexpected and comes with change in our lives. Relationship breakdown, financial debt, the loss of a job, exam pressure and even parenthood (sole parents) can all be causes of the anxiety.

Often other people think anxiety feels like you are just worrying about everything all the time. It may be hard for your loved ones to truly understand the depth of your anxiety and how it affects your daily life. It could be you are overthinking issues, second guessing yourself, you have low self-esteem and no confidence as a result.

In reality what anxiety actually feels like could include not just those persistent troublesome worrying thoughts but your bodily sensations too. Sweating, dizziness, muscle tension, butterflies in your tummy, nausea, increased heart rate, trouble sleeping, tiredness, problems with concentration and panic. Anxiety can have a debilitating impact on a sufferer's life.

The important thing to remember is that there are many ways to approach the reduction in anxiety levels. Learning strategies to lessen the impact anxiety is having on your everyday life can provide you with a toolkit. Your toolkit can assist the reduction of anxiety symptoms for you to carry into the future with you and bringing about healthy change. A GP or a registered counsellor are two of the most common types of professionals that provide assistance to individuals with anxiety.

Working with a counsellor can help you to understand your anxiety based on your personal situation and circumstances.



Looking at 'Worry'

Worry is a universal experience. All of us worry from time to time, this can be more so at times of heightened stress or times of uncertainty within our lives.

Exploring your unique situation may help you to understand why your anxiety developed. You may feel that you are more able to understand your symptoms and recognise these as they are occurring. Knowledge is power and working together with a counsellor can provide the support and understanding you need to reduce

your anxiety levels. We cannot control the thoughts that come into our minds, but we do have a choice as to how we choose to respond to them. Often our fears are very deep rooted and with the use of our newly learnt tools we are more able to manage both our thoughts and our feelings.

Practice self-care, which means to be good

to yourself. Allow some time to relax for your own self-care, do something calming that soothes you. Breathing exercises and muscle relaxation exercises increase oxygen to the brain and reduce tension. Remember to be kind to yourself and go safely, until next time.

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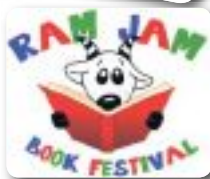
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Arts Alive



Once again David Brown came to Ramsey to help the budding artists with a different medium of painting - water colours. The morning was spent working out how to make perspective work in a painting or drawing (to be honest it did feel a bit like I was back in a geometry class) but the end results were fascinating. Later in the day we could choose from a row of houses

or a tree to practice our newly acquired skills on. It was amazing that all the pictures were totally different in style and composition, especially as the subject matter was limited and we had the same teacher!! It was great to be able to learn the basics of a new skill... No more flat houses for me!

The "90 Questions for 90 Years" royal quiz was a great success. 91 quiz sheets were sold and three people tied, answering 88 correctly. Janet Holmes's name was pulled out of a hat and she received her prize of a gift voucher. October sees the return of Ram Jam for the third year running. This time all the activities will be in the library and take place on Saturday 29th October and Sunday 30th October, so note the dates in your diary. More details will appear next month.

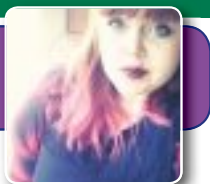
The Norris Museum will be holding a drop-in session 'Fantastic Fossils' at Ramsey Library as part of our Summer Reading Challenge celebrations on Thursday 18th

August 10am - 12noon. It's not too late for your child to sign up and join in the fun of reading books over the summer holidays. Not to be missed!

BOOK REVIEW



Everything leads to you by Nina Lacour



I'm not even going to pretend that I'm not a little bit in love with this book. It's ridiculously adorable and unbelievably honest. The story feels real, even raw at times, like it could be happening right now and the fact that the characters are so easy to connect with it made reading this story all the more heart warming. Everything Leads To You is a sweet and frank story about a heartbroken girl in search of something more. Something epic.

This is the story of Emi. An eighteen-year-old intern at a film studio, with a broken heart and a mysterious letter she and her friend Charlotte found at an estate sale. The book is a first person account of how this one girl deals with heartache and how something (or someone) can come out of nowhere and flip your life upside down.

Everything Leads To You is set in an environment I haven't read about before. The scenes where the author describes Emi's thought process and her love for her job as a set designer are completely mesmerizing and pull you into the text. When Emi's on a set it's like she's painting a picture. She's creating something entrancing.

It's not all film sets and breath-taking redheads though. This book also has its grittier side. Ava may be unlike anyone Emi has ever met but Ava's life has been anything but easy leaving her with some serious, deep seeded issues. Throughout the story you're left with the question of whether or not Ava

will be able to pull her life in the right direction.

Whether or not she's strong enough to embrace her future and move forward from her past. But Emi believes in her and even when we're hearing all the harsh realities of Ava's lineage we get to see they're relationship blossom.

Okay so I'm going to have to admit that this book does have a flaw and as much as I enjoyed reading it, Everything Leads To You was beyond predictable. There was no subtlety and the plot was very open.

Nothing was hidden away waiting for the reader to discover it; it was all very much on the surface. However, I think that because of the nature of this book it didn't matter so much. If it had been some kind of thriller then, yes, the writing style

would have made reading this book dull. But this wasn't a thriller, it was a contemporary and maybe it could have done with leaving a little more for the reader to discover over time

but it didn't overly affect the way you look at this book.

All in all Everything Leads To You is a sweet and honest story that will leave you with a smile on your face. It's an easy and enjoyable read that I'd highly recommend to anyone with a soft spot for a good story. It has a couple you can't help but root for and the fact that the author makes you wait for it makes it all the more special.

Emily Bradley-Dorman

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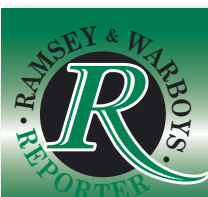
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On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st this month (August), Ramsey is celebrating its fourteenth 1940s weekend.

Watch as the local volunteers turn back the clock at the unique Camp site just outside Ramsey. Originally a search light battery unit, The Camp is situated on the outskirts of the town, offering ten acres of pure 1940's for this weekend alone.

Immerse yourself with all the sights, sounds and tastes of the era. Living History displays are situated amongst the original wooden buildings with vintage military, civilian and commercial vehicles exhibited all around. Re-enactors mingle with visitors and add to the atmosphere. Popular attraction will return: this year The Camp is once again very fortunate to have the original Jones' van from the Dads Army BBC Television series for the whole weekend, a lovely addition which fits in so well with the wartime setting. The Drill Hall will be one of the areas used for entertainment. Demonstrations will be given on war time cooking, and period hairdressing. A fashion show depicting clothes and trends of the 1940s will take

place over the weekend. There will be numerous musical performances both days to suit everyone. The parade ground will be the setting for the bands appearing during the event. The canteen (NAAFI) will be open for spam sandwiches, bread pudding and anything else not on ration, with the 1940s garden being central to the Home Front displays.

In the adjacent 20-acre grass field, the Big Top Circus tent will again be present, just one of the available venues. All musical entertainment will be compered by DJ Major Swing, aka Tim Handley. Musical interludes will take place here between dance demonstrations and exhibitions given by the Cambs Beds and Lindy Experience. This year our entertainment team consists of Adam Hoffman, Ian Rose, Jayne Darling and Dickie Lines. Children are catered for too, as Captain Silly Billy guarantees lots of fun and laughter when he is performing. The children's vintage funfair will be offering rides and thrills for little ones, while an arena will be situated in the events field where displays will take place throughout the

weekend. A cavalcade of vintage vehicles will parade around the ring allowing visitors a closer glimpse of wonderful machines.

Also not to be missed is the return of the re-enactors. Each day at 2.30 pm there will be a battle re-enactment at the rear of the event field, complete with firepower and visual effects. There will also be a military drumhead service, conducted with the help of the

Take time and meander between the trade stands and stalls selling their wares including vintage clothing, military and home front memorabilia and collectors' items. You will also find the catering and licensed bar facilities here along with the funfair and displays of post 1940s classic vehicles. Tank rides will be available for the adventurous and a free vintage omnibus will shuttle people to and from the town to the event site over the weekend for those who wish to visit Ramsey.

For more information, go to
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NOT TO BE MISSED

Saturday Evening Big Band Dance in the Big Top

Saturday 20th August 2016

with the **Newmarket Brass Band**

Dancing to the sounds of the Memphis Belle Orchestra. Tickets are £15.00 each in advance. Period dress encouraged but not essential. Over 12s only. A great evening with all dance styles catered for. Ticket numbers are limited so please buy early to avoid disappointment. On sale either directly from the website or locally in Ramsey from Carousel, Great Whyte, Ramsey.

Drumhead Service

Sunday 21st August 2016

City of Ely Military Band and Cambridge Caledonian Pipe Band

Sunday morning at 11.00am Ramsey 1940s will host the moving Drum Head Service commemorating and remembering all those who fought and died in world conflicts.



RAMSEY 1940'S WEEKEND NEEDS YOU!

Ramsey 1940s are a group of volunteers based at the original wartime Searchlight Battery Unit in Wood Lane Ramsey. Their aim is to bring the site back to its original state. The derelict buildings have now been renovated and are open to the public for special days and private hire during the year. The original wooden buildings continue to be restored and maintained, while the outside areas are being tidied and the garden area too.

AND NOW THEY NEED YOU TO HELP!

Extra help is needed leading up to the popular 1940s weekend in August when they prepare the site for exhibitors and visitors who attend. From the beginning of August the team start arranging, cleaning and sorting out the Camp. They then have to find more volunteers to act as stewards and assist members of the public at the event. Could that be you?

Volunteers and willing hands are always in demand. Can you help them continue to improve the Camp? All skills and abilities are gratefully accepted. Committee members and volunteers are at the Camp every Tuesday and Saturday from 10.00am. You do not need to commit to every week, any time you can give is welcomed. Feel free to call in to see what they are doing.

For more information, contact the 1940's volunteers by either telephoning 07881 730047 or emailing ramsey1940s@gmail.com



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A message from Verity

Hello I'm Verity. I am a water vole and I live in the Great Fen. This morning there was such a huge sky to see. I looked up and saw the most wonderful clouds and the sun peeping just behind them. Soaring up above were a pair of red kites, their wings stretched out so gracefully up amongst the bluest of skies. I wish I could fly. Never mind, the sun is shining and it might even get warm enough today to take off my shawl so that I can sunbathe on the river bank. How beautiful it is here, I am so lucky. I love meeting people and hearing all their stories of what they have been doing. I also like to tell everyone all my tales of my life here on the fens. I am a bit of a chatterbox! I'm a little elderly now and need my stick and spectacles to help me. I have lived down by the riverbank in the fen all my life. I love to have a chat so pop by when you have the time one day.

The Story: Meet Verity

It was early in the morning down by the Fen river. A mist hung over the water and the outline of the reeds and bushes was quite hard to see. The mud smelt fusty and the air was damp. Hidden almost completely out of sight was a hole in the bank, just above the water's edge. Inside the hole, which formed the entrance of an amazing burrow lived Verity. Verity was a water vole. Verity was busy. She was always busy.

Her glasses perched on the end of her rounded nose looked as though they would fall off at any minute.

Her shawl was wrapped around her furry shoulders to keep her warm on a cool morning and it stayed on even on a hot day. No respectable lady water vole would ever be seen out without a shawl she had always told herself and anyway if she had to go down to the river bank and go across the other side she would need her shawl to dry herself and cover up.

"Oh I can't find my stick" she grumbled "It's never where I left it".

WHO ARE THE FEN FRIENDS?

The four Fen Friend characters appear as illustrations and have also been made in to wonderful hand felted creatures that delight young and old. They are often seen around the fen taking note of what's going on and being in the action. They were introduced to help inspire children to become involved in nature and increase their awareness of the environment and the work of the Wildlife Trust on the Great Fen. Over the last 40 years children have become increasingly separated from nature. It is hoped that with the help of these characters, that the young children who are the custodians of nature for the future, will take an active interest and be inspired. Knowing these days that children love digital games the Wildlife Trust (Great Fen) will be launching an app to help connect them with a nature based topic. Please check out the website on www.greatfen.org

She totted about taking small shuffles as she walked, peering here and there for her missing stick. "I can't possibly get what I need without my stick" she complained to herself "The road is much too bumpy for me to walk on and the hedgerows are overgrown and the farm track always has tractors on it or huge cars with massive tyres. Oh what am I to do?" Verity carried on complaining and was all of a fluster. Of course nobody was listening because nobody else was there!

"I'm too busy for all this messing about. I have to go and get some berries and some bulbs" she was still complaining. Her rounded body glistened with its rich brown coat and her tail jumped from side to side uncontrollably.

"There it is" happily the stick was leant up against the wall in her beautifully clean burrow. She grabbed it and busily looked around her home. It was always important to keep her home tidy. Water voles are very clean animals and it just wouldn't do if a visitor came along and her house was not up to scratch.

I can't have my house looking like a brown rat has been here she said. It's bad enough that some people think voles are rats. Oh my goodness she said to herself, who ever could possibly think I may be a rat! She shivered at the very thought! The problem is that because people only get a very quick glimpse at a water vole they don't really see that unlike rats who have pointed noses and hairless tails, water voles have a cute rounded nose and a stumpy hairy tail.

Verity walked over to shake her mat. It was a beautiful mat all woven from sedges and grasses that Verity had found along the river bank. It had taken her ages, her tiny fingers bending and smoothing the grasses so very neatly. She shook the mat briskly and placed it carefully down on the well swept floor. She busied about in the living area and then went to her bedroom chamber which was



slightly uphill. "It's just as well I have my stick" she said to herself, "my legs aren't getting any younger and this climb seems higher every day."

Once Verity was satisfied that her house was presentable enough she decided it was time to set off to find her breakfast.

Water voles are not known for being very slim. Verity was quite proud of the fact that her tummy was well rounded and that her winter stores of food had lasted well while the weather had been so cold and she had not wanted to venture out very far. This morning after having such a busy morning, doing all the cleaning and tidying up, Verity had become very hungry. It was time to take her wicker basket and collect her scrumptious breakfast.

All along the river bank grew various plants and bushes. Verity collected berries, red ones, black ones, and ones that if we humans were to eat would make us very ill indeed. These were fine for Verity she loved the plump juicy berries and she gathered as many as she could. When her little basket was full to the brim she totted off back to her lovely burrow.

The sun was starting to come through the clouds now and the air was feeling just that little bit warmer. Verity looked around. She peered through her tiny spectacles and pinched up her nose trying to focus on what may be happening around her.

The river bank was quiet apart from the odd dragonfly dipping in and out of the clear water. In the very

distance Verity could just make out her dear friend Luna.

Luna was a very special dragonfly who would often balance herself on the reeds down on the river edge and would stop and have a chat with Verity before dancing off in the sky again.

Verity could see that Luna was drying out her wings from the cool morning mist, by perching on the reed that was now glimmering in the morning sun. Verity called out to her but Luna was too far away to hear. I was looking forward to having a chat, I'm lonely this morning", she grumbled.

"It's a long time since I had a good chat."

Water voles are known as an endangered species which means that they are very rare. Long ago there would be hundreds of water voles living on the bank, but these days there are very few. Sometimes if you are very quiet and still for a long time you may see a water vole and its gentle ripples as it swims in the water. The Wildlife Trust on The Great Fen is working hard to make the habitats (the places where water voles live) cleaner and healthier and are helping to make sure that the water vole species have a happy place in which to live. Hopefully one day Verity will have some new water vole families move in to the area. Then Verity will have someone to talk to and will happily tell them all her old stories about life in the fens, in the olden days, when she was young and didn't need that old stick and her funny spectacles!

Written by Mandy Corney Great Fen



Squadron leader Swoop the Marsh Harrier

Attention! Now you chaps are you

listening? I'd like to introduce myself. Swoops the name. Squadron leader Swoop. Busy chap. I've always got a job to do. Spend most of my days over the Great Fen on surveillance duties. Report back my missions to the Team. I'm literally the eyes and ears of what's happening on the ground. I'm the eye in the sky and all that. I know what's going on where, when and how. Need to know something, then I'm your man.



Newton the Newt.

Hey Guys. Yeah it's me, Newton the newt. To be precise I'm a Great Crested Newt which

means I'm a protected species! Yeah man. They even have a sign to prove I am.. Cool eh! I just love exploring. I'm an all out there type of guy, nothing scares me! I want to see it all, I want to do it all and I will survive! If there's an adventure to be had I will be there, map in hand and backpack full ready to go. Come on an adventure with me Newton and you'll have the time of your life!



Luna the dragonfly.

Excuse me but can I tell you a little about me. I'm a bit shy

really and don't like talking about myself. I'm a dragonfly and my name is Luna. I get a little embarrassed when people tell me I am so beautiful. It's because I have such large eyes and a long slender body that sometimes glistens bright blue in the sunlight. I spend a lot of time sunbathing, just perching on reeds near the edges of ponds and rivers. I love the sunshine and a day out by the water's edge with a mosquito picnic is my ideal way to spend the day.

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BEST SELLING CARS

Each month, Autotrader publishes a list of the fastest selling used cars, with some selling every half an hour. This month, we have found and reviewed the quickest sellers in the UK, as well as the best in the East overall this year, to find out what you have been spending your money on. You should expect practical cars and affordable choices.



March & April 2014 Kia Sportage SUV Petrol

This well finished urban crossover was updated in time for 2014, making it one of the newer feeling models on this list. Its never been an ugly car, but the 2014 makeover offered all the accoutrements of modern driving, such as LED running lights, which add to the flavour. Inside, all the equipment you would expect from a

new model is there, with the sot-touch dash featuring a seven-inch main touch-screen with infotainment options Affordable and attractive, the only downside will be when you pull up alongside a 2015 Qashqui or similar, it's going to be slightly better and slightly younger, and leave a slightly sour taste in the mouth for a moment.

May 2014 Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Petrol

It's well-built, it's cheap to run and it is finished to a high quality, exactly what the young person or couple is looking for in a run-around today. Admittedly, the petrol engine is less efficient than its diesel compatriot, but it won't leave you complaining, and there is some fun to be had with the nippy drive. As for the interior, it is somewhat basic but gives you everything you might need, including some surprisingly roomy back seats that will fit adults quite comfortably. Where this model falls down is in comparison to some newer rivals, its boot space won't be as big and it won't be as easy



to drive, but otherwise the stalwart Corsa stands up well to scrutiny.



January 2015 Vauxhall Astra Estate Petrol

Okay, so this one actually is pretty predictable. One of the recognisably better cheap estates, the Vauxhaull Astra Estate is one generation down from the 2016 Tourer, which helps keep prices low while still retaining plenty of great features. Offering what has been described as 'class-leading comfort', this model is both stylish and classy with an interior that suits the modern family

man. Handling well, it provides a smooth ride on motorways and B-roads alike, while enjoying top notch safety equipment and close to 1000 litres of boot and storage space, making this the practical choice for a more family oriented experience. Running costs are a little high on this petrol model, but otherwise this is a solid second-hand choice.



February 2013 Volkswagen Passat Saloon Diesel

VW Passats were once the watchword in classy, affordable saloons. With the advent of the executive age, VW went more upmarket with their stalwart model, and with the 2011-2014 model found a nice niche between the premium and the ordinary. Inside, the car feels like a three series, while externally its not at all bad

looking, still enjoying the sweeping curves of its forebears. Ride quality, cornering, acceleration, all are comfortable and easy, offering a relaxing if fairly mundane driving experience. If anything sums up the 2013 Passat, it is practicality, meaning this reliable family saloon won't be thrilling you anytime soon.



Best in the East overall 2013 Nissan Qashqui Diesel

Surprisingly weak resale values make this a great purchase for second hand buyers, if not for the original owners, just one of the factors that has made this the best-selling car overall in the East, according to Autotrader. Cheaper than its rivals, the Quasqui is considered to be the original SUV/hatchback crossover, which combines a higher driving position and rugged SUV styling with smaller dimensions and lower

running costs, making it an ideal family car. The car was restyled in 2014, making it more visually bold, but keeping everything that made this car great – its drivability. There can be no doubt about it, this car is fun on the road and with the diesel engine it won't be as expensive at the pump provided you stick to long commutes. Safe, affordable and entertaining, it is understandable how the Qashqui made it into this position.

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Pete to retire after forty years

Burton Brother's Parts Manager, Pete Eichner, is retiring this month after forty years working at the Ramsey garage.

Having been hired in 1976, the business has grown around Pete into what it is today. Speaking in the parts office, Pete remembers the very building he is standing in having been rebuilt twice. In fact, he says, "the only place that is still original is the actual forecourt Londis shop, but even that's changed inside! So much has changed."

Pete began his career as a mechanic, alongside working as a recovery driver, and remembers when the workshop was still largely a carpentry business that ran alongside the garage. After a back injury in 1982, he was limited in his mechanical work, and started to cover the parts department when the manager was away. He did continue his usual work, as he says: "I carried on, but in 1988 the person who used to run the parts department retired and they asked me if I wanted to do it full time, and because of how my back was I said yes. Of course, now, you wouldn't know I had a problem!"

One thing that has drastically improved over the last four decades is the cataloguing system, which is now computerized. Pete explained that, when he started in the position, there was a card catalogue of over nine thousand parts, at least a thousand of which required updating almost every month. "It was almost a five-week job", said Pete, "nowadays it only takes five minutes to put it in".



As for his retirement plans, Pete is going to be kept busy. "There's a few family jobs that need doing, and I shall try to do them when I can. I've got no real plans, but it will be nice after working all my working life to have a rest, and be able to do my own thing", before adding "although, I'm sure my wife will find me something to do!"

Service Manager Robert Proud, who has been working for many years with Pete, paid tribute to his skills and said he would be missed. "There's times when I start a sentence off and Pete finishes it", he told The Reporter, "Pete's been one for not only doing his work here, but if there is a chore like changing a bulb, he was the man to call on!". However, they aren't quite ready to let Pete go just yet, as Robert admits there will always be a place for him, saying "If he gets fed up with playing with his motorbike, he can always come back and do some driving for us."

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A SPORTING TOP 5

Five more uncommon sports you can take up locally...



ARCHERY

If you are looking at picking up a bow, Ramsey is one of the best places in East Anglia to get your start. Ramsey Ravens offer packages for beginners and experts alike, with one-off sessions if you just want to give it a go. Their comprehensive course is designed to fit around modern life; rather than taking three or four consecutive Saturday mornings it will take just one weekend, covering the basics of archery technique for different types of archery and introduce you to the essential equipment and how to use it. Club shoots offer competition, and the trainers and volunteers are simply fantastic.



SHOOTING

The most expensive sport to take up on this list, shooting is becoming more and more accessible today.

In Ramsey, the advent of the Hunting and Shooting Sports store on the Great Whyte has led to more and more people taking up the sport. Where to go when you have your equipment? For target shooting, look to the static ranges at Whittlesey Gun Club. If you are looking for a little more, or fancy Clay Pigeon Shooting, the Fenland Gun Club may be for you. Those with a little more money to spend may want to try a local shoot, but these can get costly.



TABLE TENNIS

Both easy to take up yet challenging to master, table tennis actually offers a fantastically competitive game that can be enjoyed by all ages. Of course, it is also highly accessible, with tables that can be bought at most major sports retailers, but there are plenty of local options if you are looking to get involved in the competitive side of the game. In particular, Bury Tennis Club has become extremely popular, given their regular Friday meetings and their owning a 'table tennis robot', which fires balls across the table in a similar style to a tennis practice machine.



GLIDING

Believe it or not, gliding is legally recognized as a sport, regulated by the British Gliding Association and enjoyed by over 10,000 pilots a year. With the Nene Valley Gliding Club located in Upwood and run at least four days a week, it is easily within range for any and all residents, not to mention offers the ideal 'try before you commit' approach with vouchers and one-off visitor flights. Drawbacks include the cost, which is more than some of the other options here, but positives include a pleasing social aspect, and there is nothing like the feeling of soaring amongst the clouds.



SQUASH

Don't be fooled by U.S. dramas, squash is not just the pastime for lawyers and businessmen on their lunch breaks. Tucked away in the corner of the Ramsey Abbey site are a pair of squash courts, operated by both the Ramsey Squash Club and One Leisure. Fast paced, energetic and a great way to burn off a little extra fat, the roots of squash stem from English school tradition, and is now an officially recognized I.O.C sport. Add that to the easy-to-buy equipment and the simple structure of the rules, squash is easy to take up, particularly if you can set up a standing game with a friend.

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T	Early Birds 6.30 - 8.30	Private Use 8.30 - 10.30		Adult Lessons 10.30 - 11.30	Lane Swim 12.00 - 1.00	Floats Fun 1.15 - 3.15	Junior Lessons 4.00 - 6.00	Public Swim + 1 Lane 6.00 - 7.30	Lane Swim 7.30 - 9.00
F	Early Birds 6.30 - 8.30	Private Use 8.30 - 11.00 (Swim With Dragons session from 10.00 - 11.00 on 26th August)		Parents & Under 8's 11.00 - 11.55	Lane Swim 12.00 - 1.00	Inflatable Fun 1.15 - 3.15	Junior Lessons 3.30 - 6.00	Public Swim + 1 Lane 6.00 - 7.30	Lane Swim 7.30 - 8.30
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SPORT

Upwood Cricket Club Update

By Neil Tuffin

Now that the majority of work has been done on the pavilion the summer of cricket at Upwood is in full swing. The 1st team at the time of writing are top of the Hunts League Division 3 although their nearest rivals do have games in hand.

The most recent games have been very close with Upwood beating Sawtry in the last over of the game on 2nd July. Sawtry batted first and were bowled out for 190 with Steven Tuffin picking up 4 for 30 with his slow medium variations. Upwood in reply were in trouble till Ed Landymore and Ryan Drage came together for the 6th wicket and steadily steered Upwood to victory. The game was still close with 3 runs to win off the 45th and last over but a scabbled single saw Upwood home with 3 balls to spare. There has also been a double header against title chasing contenders Alconbury in which the honours were shared a game apiece.

Second Team

The second team are now putting out 11 each week and in fact won their first game against Warboys on Sunday 3rd July. Upwood posted an impressive 216 off their 40 over with diminutive stroke maker Michael Drage scoring 71. In reply skipper Adam Dean took the game by the scruff of the neck and took 4 for 26 to



help dismiss Warboys for 141.

The juniors have also done well winning some exciting games. The under 9's put in a great team effort versus Warboys and the under 11's had their game of the season so far beating Bluntisham away. Whether winning or losing all the junior games have been well contested but in a lovely atmosphere and the Upwood coaches think this is building up to be the most enjoyable year ever for the junior teams. Coaching continues through August on Monday nights.

If you wish to join or want any more info please email Neil on npe.tuffin@gmail.com or visit www.upwood.play-cricket.com



RAMSEY RUNNERS GOING THE DISTANCE

Simon Mead of Ramsey Road Runners took on the enormous task of running the 100km London to Cambridge Ultra on July 2nd and finished just under the 11 hour mark. Despite being an experienced marathon runner it was his first attempt at anything beyond that but this did not stop him as he finished an incredible 3rd place overall.

Simon was inspired to take part in the event after supporting his wife Libby in last year's event, he said "When I came to support last year I didn't quite appreciate how tough some of the sections were. The route takes you through fields that were very overgrown which really saps your energy. I started off a little too fast and was leading up until halfway but I struggled to take on enough food and drink at the refreshment stations which I paid for later in the race. I am very proud of the achievement but I will not be doing anything that far in a hurry!"

It had been a busy period for Simon as he had already ran the London and Edinburgh marathons in the past 2 months. Also at Edinburgh, fellow club mate Caroline Tiller made her debut at the distance and finished in an excellent time of 4 hours 32 minutes. Caroline loved the experience and is already planning to run her next marathon!

To keep up with the latest news from your local running club visit www.ramseyroadrunners.org.uk.

Pictured: Simon Mead celebrates finishing the London to Cambridge 100km Ultra Race



RAMSEY GOLFERS FINISH 24HR CHARITY MATCH

A group of charity golfers played through the night and into the morning, raising over two thousand pounds for charity early last month.

Joshua Hull lead the team of four, which also included Oliver Wright, Paul Hodgkin and James Else, all members of Ramsey Golf Club. The challenge began slightly behind schedule at 5:07pm on June 30th, and finished equally late the following day, with the final putt rolling in at 5.20pm on July 1. Each member of the team was raising money for a different charity, each a cause close to their hearts. Paul chose Blind Children UK as his niece Ella-Rose Young is registered blind and relies on charities such as this one to complete daily tasks, while James' chosen cause was Prostate Cancer UK, having a dear friend currently battle the condition. Josh raised money for the MS Therapy Centre, and Ollie chose to memorialise his Grandfather

and raise funds for Sue Ryder.

Money was also raised via the sale of raffle tickets with prizes such as signed hats by the Ryder Cup Player Lee Westwood and Ryder Cup Star Rafa Cabrera-Bello being drawn after the challenge was completed.

As team captain, this was Josh's third charity event, having completed others in the previous years. "We started off with seven rounds", he said, "then gradually increased it each year, we did ten rounds last year and of course we did 24 hours this year."

Josh had words of congratulations for the team and thanks to the sponsors, saying minutes after the final putt: "A big well done to all of them, I'm sure it's an experience that they won't want to go through again and I'm sure they won't be wanting to play golf for a little while, but thoroughly well done and thanks to everyone who donated and came down to support us."

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DOUBLES GOLD FOLLOWS INTERNATIONAL DUTY FOR STEVE



Nuno Cunha and Steve Lovell
receive their Doubles trophies.
(credit Marion Homer/BMGA)

Ramsey's Steve Lovell is celebrating his maiden victory on the British Minigolf Association tour following his win in the British Doubles Championships at Dunton Hills, Brentwood. Lovell was partnering his club mate, the 2015 British Masters winner Nuno Cunha from Portugal, and was amongst the favourites for the title. After an early setback in the group stages, they sailed through the knock out phase, beating Birmingham's Ruth Burke and Steve Sturdy in the final 5 and 4.

A delighted Steve said, "it feels amazing to be an actual British Champion at something. We had some tough matches, especially the quarter final. We were up against the British number one in the semi-final and played some outstanding minigolf to go six up with six to play. We had a slight wobble but got over the line. We took an early lead in the final and never relinquished it." Steve dedicated his win to his goddaughter, who was 18 on the day of the tournament.

Successful weekend

It had been a successful weekend with Steve taking silver in the thirty four strong field for the Cambridgeshire and Essex Open the previous day, which consolidates his second place in the rankings.

At the end of June, Steve flew to Kosovo for the World Adventure Golf Masters, leading the British team to seventh place and claiming eighteenth spot overall. More than sixty of the world's best putters from sixteen countries gathered for the sixth running of the event, won by Derice Shumilov Susoho of Sweden. "Pristina was a wonderful experience, one of the most beautiful places I've ever been to. The course was a beast; one hole was about 200 feet long and a par five!!! I return with some incredible memories." Said Steve.

The tour moves to Worthing at the end of July before the British Open at Hastings in September



Geoff Mosk of the USA, Karl Lakos of Austria and Steve Lovell of Great Britain preparing to tee off
(credit World Minigolf Federation)

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